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Ricky A. MASSEY et al.

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Serial No.: 10/806,102

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For: PEPPER HARVESTER

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(i)**

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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, and in accordance with 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, Applicant(s), through the undersigned attorney, submits this Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(i). The patents, publications or other information submitted herewith are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each foreign patent and/or other art is attached.

Please note that no English-language equivalent of SU 1336980 is readily available.

Since U.S. Patent No. 5,287,687 is the primary reference relied upon in the Office Action mailed August 25, 2004, Applicants, through the undersigned attorneys request that the attached prior art that was cited in that patent be placed in the file of this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(i). While this prior art relates to the historical development of harvesters for peppers and related agricultural products, it does not disclose structure that is anticipatory of the invention disclosed in this application. Further, this prior art does not render the invention disclosed in this application obvious to a person having ordinary skill in this art. Nevertheless, since this prior art was cited as being relevant to the invention disclosed in the primary reference cited and relied upon in the Office Action mailed August 25, 2004, it is believed appropriate to enter this prior art into the file of this application.

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